Mission Statement

Lysterfield Primary School will provide a positive and safe learning environment that caters for a variety of learning styles. Our objective is to develop confident, well adjusted, resilient, life long learners capable of being responsible for their own opinions and actions, whilst being positive contributors to the global society and a sustainable environment.
**Fairytales and Enchanted Classrooms**
If you walk along the hallway towards the year one classrooms, you will see a magical display of castles and forests. The Junior School have been studying fairytales this term and by the look of the hallways, they have designed some very unique and creative edifices.

During this Inquiry Unit, students have compared the structure and form of a fairytale, they have followed a story board and delved into narrative genres and rich language and linguistic features, including writing their own versions.

Students have discussed why particular stories have endured through history and why they think these stories still entertain children today.

It has been a very engaging topic and when we walk into classrooms, we are privileged to watch the classrooms transform from normal to magical!

**Three-Way Conferences**
We are very quickly reaching that time of the year when reports go home and parents are invited to attend Three-Way Conferences with their children. These discussions provide the opportunity to discuss the progress of your child and where their next level of work will be.

It is important for students to be involved in these discussions and to be a part of the goal setting process so they understand the expectations and all parties have a clear picture of student directions.

**Reports and Assessment**
We have been busy reassessing students this term to provide an accurate progress report on how every child is reaching their learning goals. At the beginning of the year, our initial assessment helped us set our literacy and numeracy programs to cater for the individual differences we have in each class. When we analyse the results from this term, we are looking for improvement and the learning that has taken place compared with their beginning of the year results and never against other children.
Reports and Assessment Continued

The curriculum is designed to accommodate for all learning differences and is based on a continuum. This enables teachers to target specifically where student learning needs to be and support students to move along the continuum at their own pace and not compared with others.

It is very important to understand that ALL children learn at varying rates of progress with the analogy being two or three children in one family, all being raised in the same way and observing their milestones and rates of growth. The differences between family members can be huge. The guidelines you get from Health Centres are just that, Guidelines although rarely are you told that your child has failed to meet the expected milestone because he/she didn’t crawl at the same age as their sibling. The same philosophy applies in schools.

Encourage your child to always have-a-go and celebrate the little achievements along the way. Discuss with your class teacher where their learning was at the beginning of the year and where are they now. Look at all the learning that has taken place in between and let your child know how proud of them you are.

Vandalism

Over the long weekend we had some very unwelcome visitors to our school. They managed to break the glass of two double doors, took chairs from inside the Senior School building and threw them outside, brought in a huge branch from a tree and created a big mess!

Our security services arrived fairly quickly and boarded up the doors and brought in the chairs. The following day Helen Boucher and one of our cleaners Emile, arrived before me and cleaned, tidied, vacuumed, dragged the branch outside and generally made the building look loved again.

It is incredibly frustrating when damage occurs deliberately and if anyone knows anything about who may have done this, please let us know or call the Rowville Police who have been to school to check for fingerprints.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Helen and Emile for coming to school on Sunday morning and cleaning up so efficiently!

2016 Enrolments

We are quickly reaching our full capacity for Foundation enrolments for 2016. We have been busy with school tours this term and have almost reached the point when we will not be offering any more tours as we are running out of room!

If you know anyone who is anticipating enrolling in our school, please ask them to have their enrolments in by the end of this term.

If you have a sibling currently at this school, please ensure you have your enrolment forms into the office by the end of this term as well.

*Tina Clydesdale*
1 June 2015.

Dear Parents,

**Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF)**
*for Eligible Concession Card Families*

The Victorian Government has provided the opportunity for *eligible families* to apply for the CSEF through the school. Please read the attached information from the Department of Education and Training.

*Eligible families: If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF.*

The annual amount per student is $125 for primary school students. The funds will be paid to the school to cover school organised activities such as:

- School camps/trips
- Swimming and other school organised sporting programs
- Outdoor education programs
- Excursions/Incursions

Payments **cannot be used** towards voluntary school charges, books or stationery etc.

At this point in time, refunds to parents are not able to be made for camps/sports etc. that have already taken place. This may alter in the future, however schools are currently awaiting on advice from the Minister. We will keep families informed of the outcome.

If you believe you are eligible for this payment please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download a form from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

Please note Application forms along with a copy of relevant Concession card must be lodged at the school office no later than by 3.30pm 25 June, 2015.

Helen Boucher
Business Manager
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date

You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
PERFORMING ARTS

North Eastern Victorian Region Youth Concert 2015

For the last six weeks 18 students from Lysterfield Primary School have been involved in rehearsals for the NEVR Youth Concert. As part of a primary choir that consisted of over eighty students they rehearsed for 3 hours every Tuesday with other schools from the region.

I was fortunate enough to be given the task of conducting the primary choir and presenting a 15 minute performance based on the concerts theme ‘Soundtracks’.

The choir performed songs from Disney animations which included, When you wish Upon a Star, Bare Necessities, Let’s Go Fly a Kite, Never had a Friend like Me, Colours of the Wind and Brave.

On Wednesday 29th May the students showcased their talents in a performance at Hamer Hall. The Primary Choir was one of the outstanding performances of the evening which was no mean feat considering the concert included a Symphony Orchestra, String Orchestra, Concert Band and Senior Choir just to name a few.

Our students sang with confidence and enthusiasm that had everyone in the audience clapping along. The performance ended with thunderous applause from the audience and big smiles from our choir students.

What a sensational experience it was, I’m sure it will be one these Lysterfield choristers never forget!

Mel

SPORT

Division Cross Country Results

Last Friday, 12 students represented Lysterfield in the Division Cross Country at Knox Athletics Field. Congratulations to Caleb W, Kai W, Emma D, Cameron F, Ben L, Paityn H, Natasha L, Callan J, Keiren O, Hannah H and Sarah S for competing on the day. In a very tough battle all students ran very well on the day and it is terrific to see that Sarah S has now qualified for the Regional Cross Country Event to be held at Yarra Valley Race track later this week. Good luck Sarah; we hope you do very well on the day. Thanks to all the parents and family members who supported our runners on the day.

Randall Vague
CANTEEN

DESPERATELY SEEKING PARENT HELP

We currently have no helpers on our roster Friday’s. We desperately need parent helpers to ensure that the children’s lunches get to them on time and HOT!

If anyone can help please call or email the school.

Just two hours is all we ask between 11.15am and 1.15pm only on Fridays!

Cheeseburger Special Lunch Day

Monday 22 June

If anyone is able to help us on the Special Lunch Day from about 10.30am until 1.00pm please leave your name at the office, drop into the canteen or fill in the form below and return to the office.

Enjoy your lunch.

Gayle and Carolyn

CANTEEN HELPER

Yes, I am able to help in the canteen on the following days:

Friday 12 June
Friday 19 June
Friday 26 June  No canteen, last day of term

Special Lunch Day Monday 22 June

Name .................................................................................................................Phone.................................................................................................

Oldest Child.................................................................................................Grade.................................................................................................
Last Wednesday we went to Rebekah’s garden again and dug up the strawberry patch. We found a lot of witchetty grubs which we enjoyed feeding to the chooks. Thanks to Terri Morrison for coming with us and preparing plants for planting and thanks to Rebekah for letting us visit her garden and giving us lots of strawberry plants, lettuce, oregano and rosemary to plant in the kitchen garden. Look at our new strawberry patch!

Thank you to Helen Boucher’s son who donated gloves for the children to wear when gardening. They are perfect.
Last week we were fortunate to have the owners of Camp Australia come out and visit our service. They were very happy with what they saw and commented how relaxed and respectful the children were. Whilst the children enjoyed their afternoon tea, Anthony and Liz made a presentation to Jenny and myself (Chris) for 10 years service to Camp Australia. Jenny and I have actually been part of the OSHC program at Lysterfield for 17 and 15 years respectively. We have seen many children come and go and it is a pleasure to be part of their lives. We look forward to watching the children currently in our care grow and move on and to greeting the new children who will join us.

Have a wonderful week!

Christine and Jenny

Holiday Bookings

Don’t forget that holiday bookings can be made via the Camp Australia website. The nearest Camp Australia programs to Lysterfield are: The Knox School-Wantirna

   Caulfield Grammar-Wheelers Hill Campus
   Thomas Mitchell Primary-Endeavour Hills

AWARD WINNERS
Mathew and Kiera

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